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COR, SO <sub>2</sub> R, CN; R <sub>6</sub> , R <sub>7</sub> and R <sub>9</sub> are independently selected fr H, R, OH, OR, halo, amino, NHR, nitro, Me <sub>2</sub> Sn, where R i the same or different and being of formula ( $a_0$ ) or ( $b_1$ ), where -X-R'- $X$ - linking the monomers, where R' is an alkylene of by one or more hetero-atoms and/or aromatic rings and may	iz, or rom H is as o e the i hain o y cont	a single bond; R2 is selected from: R, OH, OR, CO2H, CO2R, CO R, OH, OR, halo, amino, NFR, nitro, MesSn; and Rs is selected free lefthed above, or the compound is a dimer with each monomer bein Rs groups of the monomers form together a bridge having the form ontaining from 3 to 12 carbon atoms, which chain may be interrupt ani one or more carbon—carbon double or triple bonds, and each X of formula (la) when A is a single bond, then R2 is not CH-CH(CONH

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